

- Formed an Interagency Watershed Advisory Team to provide technical assistance to local watershed groups, and to coordinate and expedite permit reviews and approvals.
- Developed a grant program to support locally-based watershed projects throughout the Bay-Delta system in 2001.
- Began negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that related state and federal watershed programs are better coordinated.

## Water Management Program

- Developed a 2001 Operations Plan that describes how the state and federal water projects will coordinate their operations to integrate the Bay-Delta Accord, CVPIA, and Environmental Water Account requirements, and to provide water supply reliability assurances to Delta exporters.
- Allocated over \$200 million from Proposition 13 for short-term water supply and water quality improvements, including groundwater recharge and conjunctive use projects, irrigation system improvements, and grants and loans for water conservation and recycling.
- Completed deliberations on a Drought Contingency Plan to address the impacts of critical water shortages.
- Continued development of a framework for evaluating the benefits and costs of longterm water supply reliability options.

## Storage Program

- Awarded \$2.15 million to five local agencies for locally controlled conjunctive use projects.
- Signed an agreement with local partners to develop a joint process to plan and evaluate
  the Sites Reservoir surface storage project.
- Initiated an evaluation of alternatives for surface and groundwater storage on the Upper
   San Joaquin River.